THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND RAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) The details are given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 194, Annexure No. 17]

(b) and (c) This is a direct grant provided by Government of Japan through its Embassy and Consulate General offices in India to NGOs. The NGOs are not required to furnish utilisation certificates to the Central Government.

Reform in Co-operative sector

4083. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to undertake any major reforms in Co-operative sector in the country;

(b) if so; the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND RAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) and (c) The following measures have been taken by the Central Government for cooperative reforms in the country.

(i) **Multi State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) Act, 2002 :**

The new Act aims at providing full functional autonomy and democratic management to the societies.

(ii) **National Policy on Cooperatives :**

The focus of the National Policy is on professionalization of cooperatives and democratization of their management to facilitate their development as self-reliant and economically viable organizations.

(iii) **National Cooperative Development Corporation (Amendment) Act, 2002 :**

The amendment to the NCDC Act enables, diversification of the NCDC activities in the areas of livestock, fisheries, agro-forestry, sericulture, horticulture and service sectors.

(iv) **Revamping of Cooperative Credit Structure :**

The revitalization package is based on the recommendations of the Capoor Committee and Vikhe Patil Committee.